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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2418.79US01 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/009700	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 July 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02 August 2002
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> RECLINING DEVICE AND METHOD OF LOCKING THE DEVICE		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> Hideki URAMICHI, Taiyo OTSUKA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Copy of Notification of the Recording of a Change; Copy of first page of PCT publication WO 2004/012560A1; Return Postcard.</u></p>		

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
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Independent claims	5 - 3 =	2	x \$200.00	\$ 400.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00 \$ 0.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 1,400.00</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
<b>SUBTOTAL = \$ 1,400.00</b>					
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 1,400.00</b>					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$					
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1. Certificate of Express Mailing;
2. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (2 pgs.);
3. Copy of the International Application as filed (31 pgs.);
4. An English language translation of the International Application (28 pgs.);
5. Front Page of PCT Publication No. WO 2004/012560 A1;
6. Copy of Notification of the Recording of a Change;
7. Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (3 pgs.);
8. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.), PTO Form 1449 (1 pg.); copy of International Search Report (4 pgs.) and copies of cited references;
9. Check in the amount of \$1,400.00; and
10. Return Postcard.

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